COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BUDGET SESSION, 1117

Friday, the *7th August 1942* / *22nd Karkadagam 1117*

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (A. F. W. Dixon Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.) in the Chair.

Messrs. L. M. Pylee, H. J. Walmesley and Poptlal Goverdhan Lalan were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

APPOINTMENT—AYURVEDIC DEPARTMENT—PARTICULARS REGARDING

91. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any appointment has been made in the Ayurvedic Department from 1st Kumbham 1117;

(*b*) if so, give the names, their qualifications?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) List appended. *(Appendix I).*

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Government be pleased to publish the list along with the Proceedings of the Legislative Council?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* A list is already appended.

When I addressed this House the other day, I promised that I would look into the matter regarding the appointment of a sales attender, one Sarada Amma. I have looked into the matter and I find that the appointment is perfectly justified in this way. The pay of the sales attender is met from "Advances recoverable". The appointment does not come legitimately under actual Government service. It is only a temporary appointment and the salary will be recovered from the sale proceeds. So the charge actually comes under work, just as we appoint Work Superintendents in connection with D. P. W. and Panchayat works. The pay is recovered from the sale proceeds. So it is purely a temporary arrangement and Government can look only to this aspect of the question, that is whether the Superintendent has adhered to the communal rotation rules of the Staff Selection Board. From the statement appended, it is seen that he has made 15 appointments. In the list only 12 appointments are given. The other three are only repetitions, that is, the same persons were again appointed for short vacancies. In that 15, the ratio of appointments made of nayars is only 13 per cent. Legitimately he can appoint 16 per cent. So the appointment is perfectly justified.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether the person who has been appointed in this department does not come within the purview of the Staff Selection Board and whether she will have a lien for other appointments?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* No.

GLASSES—REMOVAL OF—FROM BUILDINGS

92. Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin-Christians-Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to tate.—

(*a*) has Government given any order to remove glass shutters of buildings that are situated in Ernakulam, Mattancheri and Willingdon Island;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative is Government aware that those buildings which are situated in the Willingdon Island area are still with glass shutters?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) Government have ordered the removal of glasses of doors and windows of all Government buildings in Ernakulam and Mattancheri.

(*b*) Government have no information.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know whether the Government will enquire into the matter whether the glass shutters in the Willingdon Island are still without removal or without any protection?

Mr. President: The A. R. P. arrangements of the Willingdon Island is in charge of the A. R. P. Controller. So far as the A. R. P. measures are concerned we have no control over this department.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: That of course we can understand. The thing is why this sort of difference between buildings in Willingdon Island and the buildings in Ernakulam? That is what we want to know. I can certainly understand that it is particularly for military purposes that the glass windows of Ernakulam have to be protected and the glass windows in the Willingdon Island also ought to be protected. But why this difference? It appears, probably there is more danger in Willingdon Island than in Ernakulam. That is why I am putting this question.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: Is there necessity for removing the glass shutters at all? If it is necessary why were the glass shutters at Willingdon Island not removed? We want to know whether the A. R. P. work is very slack in the Willingdon Island.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Certainly not. It is absolutely necessary to remove the glass shutters and it is wrong to assume that the A. R. P. work is slack in Willingdon Island.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know whether there is an order given there for the removal of shutters or whether no order has been given.

Mr. President: The A. R. P. Controller of Willingdon Island and for other areas appointed by this Government is the A. R. P. Controller of the whole area. He is in direct charge of Willingdon Island and it is his duty to see to this matter. We have no control over him in this regard.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: It is not a question whether we have control over it or not.

Mr. President: I will make enquiries in the matter.

Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated)*: Has the Government ordered the private owners for the removal of glass shutters?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I do not think.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: In Mr. Koder's shop all the glass shutters have been removed and the almirah's there look like coffins.

Mr. President: When high explosive bombs fall in the vicinity all the glass splinters.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Is the removal of the glass shutters necessary? In Mysore they have already relaxed the lighting restrictions completely.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Mysore is quite different from our State.

PRICE CONTROL—HELP OF THE MAGISTRACY AND POLICE

93. Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin-Christians-Cranganur)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) if the Diwan Peishkar has brought to the notice of Government at any time the necessity to issue order to the Magistracy and Police to help him to enforce price control;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, will Government be pleased to state the date of the report of the Diwan Peishkar requesting such help;

(*c*) whether the Diwan Peishkar has at any time requested the Magistracy and Police to help him in enforcing price control;

(*d*) is Government aware that there is a public feeling that the Diwan Peishkar actually resents any action taken by the Magistracy, the Police or his subordinate officers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) Yes—to issue orders to the Police.

(*b*) 5th September 1941.

(*c*) Yes. The Police Commissioner was addressed by the Diwan Peishkar officially and demi-officially first on 24th August 1941 and later on also. He was also personally requested

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